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State Housing Board to Meet in Helena

(HELENA)---The Montana Board of Housing (MBOH), Department of Commerce, will meet in Helena on Tuesday, June 6. The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. and will be held in the Empire Room of the Great Northern Hotel. Community leaders and members of the public interested in programs offered by the MBOH will have a chance to talk with board members about housing issues at the beginning of the meeting.

"The input of local leaders and citizens has been critical to the development of several new programs at MBOH," said Chairman Bob Thomas. "I look forward to meeting members of the Helena community."

To date, the MBOH has provided the following home loans for Lewis & Clark County and the surrounding areas:

County	Number of Loans	Total Loan Amount
Lewis & Clark	2,325	\$114,375,211
Broadwater	120	\$ 6,684,594
Jefferson	187	\$ 11,734,068
Silver Bow	1,371	\$ 68,159,989
Total	4,003	\$230,953,862

The Montana Board of Housing is administratively attached to the Montana Department of Commerce. The MBOH serves the housing needs of Montana's low- and moderate-income population by providing financing for the development or rehabilitation of the state's affordable housing stock, as well as low-interest loans for first-time homebuyers through the Homeownership Program. Since 1977, the MBOH has served 40,000 Montana families by financing nearly \$2.5 billion for affordable homeownership.